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Request For Qualifications Addendum

Addendum #1: RFQ

Question 8: Do we complete the PDF document and submit our paperwork to this designated email or is there a specific website that we need to be directed to in order to validate our bid for services?

Answer: You can use Public Purchase (<https://www.publicpurchase.com/gems/login/login>) to submit the statement of qualifications for Texas, Ohio, Louisiana, and Florida. You can also use Tyler Munis Self Service (Texas Only) (<https://txselfservice.ideapublicschools.org/vss/Vendors/default.aspx>). Submissions via fax or email will not be accepted. You can also send a hard copy to:

IDEA Public Schools
Attn. Purchasing Department
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Statement of Qualifications must be in a sealed envelope marked with the RFQ Number and Title (#32-SPED-0524 Texas Special Education Instructional & Related Services) and include:

1. One (1) clearly identified hard copy ORIGINAL of the Statement of Qualifications response.
2. One (1) copies of the Statement of Qualifications on FLASH DRIVE, marked with the Respondent's name. As stated on page 17 of part II – Statement of Qualifications Response.

Question 9: Vendor was awarded #1 - RFP - SPED - 2022 Instructional and Related Services for IDEA Public Schools in May 2022. According to our records, we have 2 additional 1-year renewals options under this RFP? Do we need to respond to #32-SPED-0524 Special Education Instructional & Related Services-Texas if we are still covered under our initial award?

Answer: Please refer to the answer on question 12 i 0912 13 liQq0.00000912 0 612 792 reW*hBT/F2 12 Tf1 0 0

Answer: There may be opportunities as we may have some staff during the beginning of the year going on leave.

Question 12: For Proof of Insurance, do you require all four Proof of Insurances (commercial general liability, automobile liability, workers' compensation, and professional liability)?

Answer: Yes, these are the minimum vendor requirements (commercial general liability, automobile liability, workers' compensation, and professional liability). Please refer back to *Attachment F Proof of Insurance or Bonding* within the RFQ.

Question 13: Will you accept proposals from vendors that provide assessment services (initial, re-evals, and giftedness assessments) via a teletherapy platform?

Answer: Please refer to the answer on question #2.

Question 14: Does the district have a preference for pricing structure for these services? Hourly vs. flat fee? Per assessment/evaluation?

Answer: It varies, it's up to the vendor on how they bill.

Question 15: What is the maximum hourly bill rate the school district is budgeted to pay for the requested services? What was last school year's budget?

Answer: We are not able to disclose vendor pricing. In the event you would like to request open records, we encourage you to visit our website at <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/pcs/bids-rfps/> and reference the *Open Records Request* section for further details.

Question 16: Who are your current providers and what are their bill rates for the requested services?

Answer: We are not able to disclose vendor pricing. In the event you would like to request open records, we encourage you to visit our website at <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/pcs/bids-rfps/> and reference the *Open Records Request* section for further details.

Question 17: When awarded the solicitation to provide services, who would be the contact within the district to inquire about open roles for professions related to the RFP?

Answer: Vendors' point of contact will be disclosed once awarded.



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Question 28: Do you all have an idea of what disciplines and how many you all are searching



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Question 40: Do you require the available

Question 46: Do you require a vendor packet to be completed upon proposal submission or only upon award? If so, can you provide a copy of the required vendor packet?

Answer: A vendor packet will be required for any awarded vendor who is not currently active in Tyler Munis for all entities.

Question 47: I see that IDEA Public Schools is requesting resumes and certifications with the bid submission. Will IDEA Public Schools accept resumes/certifications from sample candidates?

Answer: Please refer to the answer on question #22.

Question 48: In the IDEA Public Schools RFQ for Special Education Instruction & Related Services, the "Qualifications to Perform Requested Services" section states that "resumes and/or certifications of individuals who will be servicing scholars must be submitted with each qualification." Can you please clarify how firms should approach this without releasing confidential information of specific candidates? Is there a specific candidate that will fit the role? Does each firm have to submit resumes for all 19 requested positions?

Answer: Resumes are submitted for the positions the company has staffed in. Any new candidates would be presented to regional directors as service(s) are requested after awarded.

Question 49: What is the expected timeline for the award of this contract?



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Question 56: Are your current vendors meeting your staffing needs?

Answer: Please refer to the answer on question #27.

Question 57: What are your current hourly bill rates by classification?

Answer: We are not able to disclose vendor pricing. In the event you would like to request open records, we encourage you to visit our website at <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/pcs/bids-rfps/> and reference the *Open Records Request* section for further details.

Question 58: What were your hours of usage by each classification for the last 3 years?

Answer: It varies per region and discipline, but we are not able to disclose vendor's detailed services/assignments. In the event you would like to request open records, we encourage you to visit our website at <https://ideapublicschools.org/our-story/finance-budget/pcs/bids-rfps/> and reference the *Open Records Request* section for further details.

Question 59: Do we need to store or transport any goods? If yes, what needs to be transported and what goods are needed?

Answer: Contracted staff would potentially store or transport testing kits and supplies which are preferably provided by the company in which they are staffed.

Question 60: Do you accept contract changes or exceptions? If yes, do contract changes or exceptions impact our score or possibility of being awarded?

Answer: Once awarded and a finalized agreement is in place, amendments are accepted and reviewed by IDEA Special Programs, Procurement, Risk Management and Legal teams. There is no impact on scoring.

Question 61: Does IDEA provide all equipment, supplies, etc.?

Answer:

Answer: Please refer to the answer on question #23

Question 63: What is the work week for overtime purposes?

Answer: Work week varies per caseload and discipline requested.

Question 64: Is there any orientation?

Answer: Yes, if awarded. Regional directors will connect with awarded vendors to attend an onboarding session.

Question 65: What holidays are workable and at what rate, if any, are they billed at?

Answer: Workdays vary by entity and region, you can review IDEA's academic calendars on IDEA's webpage, [Academic Calendars - IDEA Public Schools](#)

Question 66: Is overtime allowed? If so, will it be billable?

Answer: Overtime is not

Question 71: Based on historical usage, does IDEA have any estimates for what labor categories and locations will have the most requirements for the upcoming school year?

Answer: No, varies per caseload/situation, region and discipline.

Question 72: Is this contract considered a rollup of prior IDEA contracts for individual labor category services?

Answer: This solicitation is to add vendors to our existing pool of vendors and newly added services have been added based on ne0.2nde.



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Question 77:



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Attachments:

Attachment G – Geographic Coverage Texas